

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 5-14 and 17-20 are pending. Claims 10 and 14 are amended to specify the types of stress tolerance which are increased by the invention. Claim 20 is amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

Having fully responded to all of the pending objections and rejections contained in the final Office Action (Paper No. 21) and the Advisory Action (Paper No. 1103), Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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